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ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE

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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION ON ANGOLA

REF: STATE 302573,

1. I OUTLINED THE U.S. VIEWS ON ANGOLA TO DAVIGNON, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND LEFT AN AIDE MEMOIRE COVERING THE POINTS IN STATE 302573.

2. DAVIGNON THOUGHT THAT THE KEY TO THE PROBLEM WAS SOUTH AFRICA. HE INTENDS TO CALL IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR AND URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA. DAVIGNON THINKS THE U.S. SHOULD DO THE SAME.

3. DAVIGNON DOUBTS THAT THERE WILL BE DECISIVE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA. HE DOES NOT SEE THE MPLA GAINING AN EARLY MILITARY VICTORY EVEN WITH SOVIET EQUIPMENT AND CUBAN TROOPS. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE MILITARY SITUATION SEEMED TO BE ABOUT

THE SAME.

4. THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO DAVIGNON, IS DIPLOMATIC NOT MILITARY. THE IMMEDIATE DANGER IS THAT THE OAU, AT THE JANUARY 10 MEETING, WILL RECOGNIZE THE MPLA. ONCE THIS IS DONE, THE GAME WILL BE LOST.

DAVIGNON FEARS THAT THE OAU WILL RECOGNIZE THE MPLA JUST BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA OPPOSES IT. HE SAID THAT THE NIGERIANS HAD DONE SO FOR THIS REASON AND THAT OTHERS WOULD ALSO IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE NOT WITHDRAWN BEFORE THE OAU MEETING BEGINS.

5. DAVIGNON SAID THAT IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE WITHDRAWN BY THEN, MOBUTU WOULD HAVE A CHANCE OF AVOIDING OAU RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. HOWEVER, IF SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT WITHDRAWN, MOBUTU WILL BE ISOLATED. I ASKED DAVIGNON IF THE BELGIANS HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MOBUTU RECENTLY. DAVIGNON REPLIED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO THE ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN PARIS AND THAT THE BELGIAN EMBASSY WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. DAVIGNON SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF A DEAL WHEREBY MOBUTU WOULD AGREE TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AT SUCH TIME AS THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WITHDRAW.

6. DAVIGNON SAID THAT BELGIUM HAD NO LEVERAGE ON THE SOVIET UNION OR CUBA AND DID NOT PLAN ANY DIPLOMATIC MOVES VIS-A-VIS EITHER COUNTRY. RENNER

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